



Monthly Newsletter

August, 2015

Coming Attractions:

2015 U.S. Open - Orange County & Long Beach CA, Sept. 26-Oct. 3

2015 Bowls USA National Championships - Long Beach, CA, Oct. 20-24

2016 Bowls USA National Champions

U.S. Open - Orange County & Long Beach CA, Sept. 26-Oct. 3

All players must check-in at the host hotel (Crowne Plaza) prior to the games.

THU—SAT, Sept 24-26

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel

3131 S. Bristol Street

Costa Mesa, California 92626

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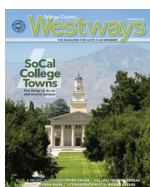
Ceremonies & Parties:

Opening Ceremony - Saturday, September 26 4:30 PM Newport Harbor LBC

Wild West Hoedown - Friday, October 2 6:30 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel

Closing Ceremony - Saturday, October 3 6:00 PM Newport Harbor LBC

For a complete list of schedules, players and locations go to the [Bowls USA Website](http://BowlsUSA.com)



Check out "U.S. Open of Lawn Bowls" in the September Issue of Westways under "Current Events, 5 Worth the Drive."



Dennis and SISIS Sponsor **sisis**

US Bowls National Championships 2015

Dennis and SISIS are delighted to co-sponsor with their distributor, the US Bowls National Championships, being held in Long Beach, California from 20-25 October 2015.

The British manufacturers of world class turf maintenance equipment have a long history of supporting the sport of bowls and often host educational bowling green maintenance seminars. With an extensive range of equipment designed specifically for bowling green maintenance, Dennis and SISIS products are the preferred choice for greenkeepers all over the world.

The venue where the US Bowls Championships is being held – Long Beach Lawn Bowls Club, is already a proud owner of two Dennis FT610's. Featuring an innovative interchangeable cassette system, the FT series is unrivalled as a mower and turf maintenance machine on all areas of fine turf. A cutting width of 24" and a range of 11 interchangeable cassettes mean that one machine can be used for several key maintenance tasks including de-thatching, verticutting or brushing.

Long Beach Lawn Bowls Club turned to Dennis and SISIS after the nearby Laguna Beach Bowls Club was full of praise for the SISIS Auto Rotorake MK5. After play was suffering from poor quality greens, Laguna Beach Bowls Club conducted extensive research to find the best machines on the market. Their search led them to the SISIS Auto Rotorake MK5 and it is easy to see why this machine is so popular.

Excellent weight distribution, wide smooth tyres and full differential ensuring ease of turning with minimal surface makes the Auto Rotorake MK5 a dream to operate. It can be used regularly on fine turf – aggressively before and after the playing season and lightly throughout the growing season. A range of interchangeable reels consisting of thatch removal, thatch control and a range of brush reels for both natural and synthetic turf makes it a machine which can be used all-year-round.

Both the Dennis FT Series and the SISIS Auto Rotorake MK5 are part of an elite line-up of bowls green maintenance equipment manufactured by the two companies. In this collection SISIS boast an excellent range of independently powered pedestrian aerators which are ideal tools for outstanding turf and lawn treatment. The vertical action Dart is a hugely popular aerator as is the SISIS Supaturf-man. Both have a maximum working depth of 100mm (4 inches), a wide range of interchangeable tines and are designed to be easy to handle.

Dennis is renowned for its world-class cylinder mowers and they are a very common feature at many a bowls club. Take the Dennis Razor for example; superbly balanced, easy to manoeuvre and with an 11 bladed cutting cylinder an ultra-fine finish is guaranteed every time. The Razor Ultra 560 also possesses the fine qualities of the Razor, except it has the added bonus of a powerful tungsten tipped groomer, which is ideal for lateral growth control. Last but certainly not least is the Dennis Verticut TT, which brings professional verticutting to every facility. With a 510mm (20") operating width and tungsten tipped blades, it is ideal for bowls greens. Regular use of this machine will help reduce thatch, improve the sward and encourage finer grasses to flourish and increased ball speed on all surfaces.

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Long Beach along with Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club who also have an FT610 and Laguna Bowls Clubs purchased their machines through CS Trading – the North American distributors for Dennis and SISIS. As Dennis and SISIS continue to make an impression in the international market, C.S Trading is seeing an increasing demand for their products.

The British manufacturers were already a big hit on American soil at the GIS show in San Antonio earlier this year, and their sponsorship of the US Bowls Championships is testament to their global reputation.

For further information or a no obligation demonstration, please contact CS Trading on (864) 843 5972.

For more news, reviews and insightful views, you can follow Dennis on Twitter @DennisMowers and SISIS @SISISMachinery. You can like the Facebook page –www.facebook.com/DennisMowersUK and www.facebook.com/SISISMachinery. You can also view the latest Dennis videos by visiting www.youtube.com/DennisMowers and www.youtube.com/SISISMachinery



CS Trading LLC Sponsor US Bowls National Championships 2015

CS Trading LLC are proud to co-sponsor with their UK principals, DENNIS & SISIS, the US Bowls National Championships, being held in Long Beach, California from the 20th –25th October, 2015.

CS Trading, owned and managed by Ian Camp and Paul Stephens, is based in Liberty, SC, and has been the US distributor for SISIS products since 2007 and DENNIS products since 2011 when the Howardson Group, owners of DENNIS, acquired the SISIS Company.

Both DENNIS and SISIS have a long history or working with Lawn Bowling Associations around the world.

Ian, prior to forming CS Trading with Paul, had spent over 25 years working for the SISIS company, both in the UK and USA. Paul joined the company with an engineering background after serving with the British Royal Engineers for many years.

CS Trading was pleased to supply a SISIS Auto-Rotorake MK5 to Laguna Beach Lawn Bowls Club, and soon afterward, the first of two DENNIS FT610 mowers to Long Beach Lawn Bowls Club, the venue for the upcoming US National Championships.

Based on LBLBC’s experience with the FT610, Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club purchased an FT610 mower.

CS Trading has a network of dealers around the USA to provide local support for our customers.

For more information on CS Trading or the SISIS and DENNIS products:

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2015 National Championships Players

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	Pat Wimmer Milwaukee Lake Park, WI*	Anna Witt – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, WI* Rebecca Nguyen - Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, WI*	Steve Nelson Milwaukee Lake Park, WI*	Bob Schneider – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, WI* Rob Behncke – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, WI*
Northeast	Michele Arculli Essex County, NJ	Frances Shen – Skip Essex County, NJ Veronica Sum – Lead Essex County, NJ	Lew LeCompte Williamsburg, VA	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County, NJ Burk Roller – Lead Essex County, NJ
Northwest	Nancy Nishikawa Jefferson Park, WA	Nita Chambers – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Lisa Duffalo – Lead Jefferson Park, WA	Jeff Covell Jefferson Park, WA	Andy Klubberud – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Max Cavendar – Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Gabrielle Coleman Palo Alto, CA	Ginger Harris – Skip Palo Alto, CA Ann Brillhart – Lead Berkeley, CA	Nick Christensen San Jose, CA	Tom Burnoski – Skip San Jose, CA Daniel Gorelick – Lead San Francisco, CA
South Central	Regina Banares Sun City, AZ	Myra Wood – Skip Sun City, AZ Lorraine Hitchcock – Lead Sun City, AZ	Ron Rollick Sun City Grand, AZ	Rodger Green – Skip Sun City, AZ Grant Summers – Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Sandy Wall World Parkway, FL	Christine Garbett – Skip Lakeland, FL Jackie Williamson– Lead Mount Dora, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Al Pellicio – Skip Sarasota, FL Daniel Jittu – Lead Sarasota, FL
Southwest ****	Anne Nunes Newport Beach, CA	Dee McSparran – Skip Long Beach, CA Candy DeFazio – Lead Long Beach, CA	Bill Brault San Diego, CA	Charlie Herbert – Skip Newport Beach, CA Brian Stewart - Lead Newport Beach, CA
South-west ////	Margi Rambo Santa Anita, CA	Patricia Cronshaw – Skip MacKenzie Park, CA Hildegard Kennedy– Lead MacKenzie Park, CA	Mert Isaacman Newport Beach, CA	Steve Smith San Diego, CA Joe Regan Laguna Beach, CA

* Last month Milwaukee took a little side trip to Minnesota. A good time was had by all, but now Milwaukee is safely back in Wisconsin.



Bowls USA 2015 National Championships

October 20-25, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, Long Beach, CA



Sun City West, Arizona

2016 Host of Bowls USA National Championships

Bowls USA is pleased to announce Johnson Lawn Bowls Club of Sun City West, AZ will be the host of the 2016 Bowls USA National Championships! With 32 rinks on four outstanding greens, Johnson LBC is excited about hosting the Nationals, tentatively scheduled for late October, 2016.



Johnson Lawn Bowls Club, Sun City West, Arizona



2015

Sept. 26– Oct. 2 US Open, Orange County & Long Beach CA

Oct. 5-10 Huntsman Senior Games, St. George, UT

Oct. 20-24 National Championships, Long Beach, CA

2016

Jan. 9-11 Arizona Mixed Rinks, Sun City, AZ

Jan. 12-13 Salisbury Singles, Sun City, AZ

Jan. 14-16 Thomas Zivec Open Pairs, Sun City, AZ

Feb. 6-11 SCD Open, Sun City & Sun City West, AZ

TBD– National Championships, Sun City West, AZ

Nov. 12-19 US Open, Sarasota LBC & Local Clubs

Resources

[World Bowls](http://www.worldbowls.com) Official site of World Bowls
www.worldbowls.com

[Inside Bowls](http://www.insidebowls.com) The official world magazine
www.insidebowls.com

[Bowls USA](http://www.bowlsusa.com) Official site of Bowls USA
www.bowlsusa.com

[US Open](http://www.bowlsusa.us/us_open/2015) Official site of U.S. Open of Lawn
www.bowlsusa.us/us_open/2015

[Golden Bias Club](http://www.bowlsusa.com/golden_bias) Official site of the Golden Bias Club
www.bowlsusa.com/golden_bias

[PBA](http://www.professionalbowlsassociation.com/) Official site of Professional Bowlers Association-
www.professionalbowlsassociation.com/



GOT QUESTIONS.....

ABOUT BOWLS USA?

You can find the Bowls USA officers and councilors that represent the different divisions on the [Bowls USA](http://www.bowlsusa.com) website on this page: [About Bowls USA](http://www.bowlsusa.com).

Contact your division councilor with any questions or concerns you may have.

Special Announcement

Club Pins and Badges Available

The Mount Dora LBC in Florida has a large number of club pins & badges available at very reasonable prices. Some are quite old. We have pins from all over the U.S. as well as many foreign countries. Some of those countries are Canada, England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

This month we are featuring a special collection of 15 pins from various clubs in the Northeast Division for \$20 with free shipping within the U.S.

The 15 pins are Bridgeport, Buck Hills Falls, Buffalo (defunct) Dupont, East Orange (defunct) Essex County (3-all different) Frick Park, Hyde Park, New York, Niagara, Skytop, Spalding Inn, and Williamsburg.

For additional information, please e-mail:
infor@mountdoralawnbowling.com



Look for more pin specials to be offered by Mount Dora LBC each month.

Umpire's Corner

By E.B. Parkell

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Not all tournament directors read the Conditions of Play to the entrants before the start of a tournament. But if read, the Conditions of Play can save a lot of questions before the games start.

Such as: will there be trial ends? how many ends (or points) are we playing?; are there any time limits on the games, etc.

As a tournament director, I start off my Conditions with how many games are to be played and the number of ends (or points, in a singles game) in each game. I also mention if there will be a bye.

Included on my own personal list are:

a. Burned ends: **Law 30 Dead Jack: Law 30.1** If the jack is moved by a bowl in play, it is a dead jack if it: **Law 30.1.2** passes completely outside a side boundary of the rink of play. **Law 31 Dead End** goes on to read under **Law 31.1** A dead end is not counted as a completed end even if all the bowls required to be played have been played. **Law 31.2** A dead end should be replayed, etc.

b. I ask that the skips check their scorecards often to make sure they agree. I often get a pair of scorecards with completely different scores.

c. I explain the scoring and how scores are calculated and ties are broken.

d. No cell phone use on the greens. I was once in a tournament and a player whose game was finished was standing right behind me talking rather loudly into his phone. I asked him to stop since it was annoying and he told me that his game was over so the "no cell phone" rule wasn't being violated. Duh!

e. Available umpires. Letting everyone know which umpires are available will help the games run smoothly as the players will know on whom they can call if one is needed.

Other items that can be covered in the Conditions of Play are:

Law A.4 Restricting the movement of players during play. This particular law covers when players are allowed to go to the head.

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(Often during a game, the skip will go to the head whenever they feel they must see the head themselves and may not want to rely on their vice or lead for information.) A.4 restricts when they are able to do that.

Law 106 Declining to play promptly At one time, there was a "two-minute" rule controlling the time a player had on the mat before taking their shot. (Laws of the Sport of Bowls 2004) Then it became the "one-minute" rule (LOTSOB 2007). In 2011 the law was dropped. *However*, in an attempt to keep the games moving and having everyone finish at more or less the same time, the tournament director can include

Law 106 Declining to play promptly. Law 106.1 "If a player fails to deliver their bowl within one minute of the coming to rest of their opponent's previously delivered bowl, they may receive a warning from the umpire who should inform the player that any succeeding infractions of this law may result in their bowl being stopped and removed from the rink."

Thank You

To E.B. Parkell for providing us with her expertise and insight into the rules of bowls for the last eight months.

This will be her last article. We appreciate the time and effort E.B put into all the articles she provided to the Bowls USA Newsletter.

Thank you, E.B!

Around the Country

Northeast

Williamsburg Inn LBC, Williamsburg, VA



Public invited to attend lawn bowling tournament

The Northeast Division Open lawn bowling tournament started last weekend and is being hosted for the first time by the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club. Matches will continue through Thursday featuring teams from five states. The public is invited to attend beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the green located behind the Williamsburg Inn. A Williamsburg Club member keeps the green 3-6 p.m. each day to welcome visitors and help those who would like to bowl. Beginners are welcome.

Bowlers participating in the Northeast Division Open, hosted for the first time by Williamsburg LBC, were led onto the green by a fife and drum corp.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY WILLIAMSBURG INN LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Lawn Bowlers compete in division tourney

Lawn Bowling's Northeast Division Open Tournament began last weekend hosted for the first time by the Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club. Matches will continue through Thursday. Teams from Rhode Island, New York City, New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Williamsburg competed in the triples competition Saturday and Sunday. Bowlers were led onto the green by members of Colonial Williamsburg's Fife and Drum Corps. The ensuing matches were closely contested with the New York City team beating the New Jersey team in a playoff. Competition continued on Monday and Tuesday with the pairs matches and the singles matches will be held Wednesday and Thursday. The public is invited to watch beginning at 9 a.m. each day at the green located behind the Williamsburg Inn. A Williamsburg Club member keeps the green each afternoon 3-6 p.m. to welcome visitors and help those who would like to bowl. New bowlers are welcome.

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Northeast

Williamsburg Inn LBC, Williamsburg, VA

A Summer of Tournaments

Submitted by Clyde Haulman

The Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club has held a number of competitions this summer coordinated by the Club's Tournament Director, Jack Edwards who, on June 6th, won the Let Jack Lie singles. On May 9th, Joan Miller won the Fran Healey women's singles. The end of May, Lew LeCompte and Bill Bryant won Eaton-Mahone Pairs, a club championship, and in June Lew LeCompte won the Townsend Singles, a club championship.

The Williamsburg Inn Lawn Bowling Club's annual triples tournament was held in mid-July. Almost one-third of the club's members participated over the two days of competition. The winners were Peter and Sissy Hall of Gloucester and Clyde Haulman of Williamsburg.

Williamsburg club member Lew LeCompte won the Northeast Division singles play down held at the Club's green August 8-10. By winning LeCompte qualifies to represent the Division, which runs from Maine to Virginia, at the National Championships. Duncan Farrell of the Essex County New Jersey Club was runner-up.

The Williamsburg Club also looks forward to hosting the Northeast Division Open Tournament later in August. Triples competition will be held August 22-23, pairs August 24-25, and singles August 26-27.

A Williamsburg Club member keeps the green each afternoon 3-6PM to welcome visitors and help those who would like to bowl. The green is located behind the Williamsburg Inn. If you plan to visit Williamsburg, please stop by to enjoy bowling in a beautiful setting.

Northeast

Williamsburg Inn LBC, Williamsburg, VA

A Summer of Tournaments, Cont.



Tournament Director, Jack Edwards



Joan Miller, winner of the Fran Healey Singles.



Triples Winners (l-r) Peter Hall, Sissy Hall, Clyde Haulman

Northeast

Williamsburg Inn LBC, Williamsburg, VA

A Summer of Tournaments, Cont.



Tournament winners (l-r) Lew LeCompte and Bill Bryant, winners of the Eaton-Mahone Pairs club championship and Jack Edwards, winner fo the Let-Jack-Lie Singles tournament. LeCompte also won the Townsend Singles and the Northeast Division Single's Playdowns.



Coaching Seminar in Northeast Division



A coaching class, taught by certified coaches, Heather Stewart and Jackie Tucker, was held at Williamsburg LBC for NE Division Bowls USA members. Attendees (l-r) Joe Kelly, NYLBD, Ryan Hastu, NYLBD, Patrick Duffy, Essex LBC, Eileen Luba Frick Park LBC, Heather Stewart, presenter, Wick Hall, Frick Park LBC, Rusty Hein, Sarasota/Frick Park LBC, Martha Neilson, Pinehurst LBC, Maurice Lafond, Slater Park LBC, Al Pelliccio, Sarasota/Pinehurst LBC, Bill Bryant, Williamsburg LBC, Jackie Tucker, presenter.

Northeast

Bowling at Buck Hill Lawn Bowling Club, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania

Submitted by Mayson Moore-Price

Annual Challenge between Buck Hill LBC, Buck Hill, PA and Skytop LBC, Skytop, PA



Southeast

Recognizing and honoring

The Best

of business



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sarasota Lawn Bowling Receives 2015 Best of Sarasota Award Sarasota Award Program Honors the Achievement

SARASOTA August 12, 2015 -- Sarasota Lawn Bowling has been selected for the 2015 Best of Sarasota Award in the Landscaping category by the Sarasota Award Program.

Each year, the Sarasota Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Sarasota area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2015 Sarasota Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Sarasota Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Sarasota Award Program:

The Sarasota Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Sarasota area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Sarasota Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

Congratulations to Sarasota LBC on winning this prestigious award!

Southeast

Mount Dora LBC “Reels In” Seafood Festival –Goers

When Club Marketing Director **Tom Eppich** learned that the City of Mount Dora, FL, would be holding the first annual Seafood Festival at Evans Park on August 15-16, the wheels went in motion.

Evans Park is adjacent to our club and all Festival attendees would have to pass by the club twice to get to the park and exit. Tom came up with the idea to have an open house to coincide with the two day festival. He asked for club members to play pairs games wearing club shirts on the rinks closest to the passersby to attract attention initially and for other members to demonstrate the game to those who came in the gates.

Club vice president **Dave Sarych** worked the sidewalk by our front gate and enticed festivalgoers to come in and learn about lawn bowls. Participants were given a tour of the clubhouse and grounds and encouraged to roll bowls to get a feel for the game. On Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th, around 40 folks signed in to participate and 21 provided their contact information. Of those 21, Tom reports eight are solid prospects to attend the next beginner’s class to be held in October.

Many thanks to Tom and the 24 club volunteers who helped make this a very successful recruiting and promotional event.

Mount Dora to Host Bowling Blast For Businesses

Submitted by Tom Eppich

The Mount Dora LBC is organizing a Fall 2015 Bowling Blast for non-members consisting of employees from local area businesses. The genesis of this idea came from the Palo Alto club’s non-member Bowling Blasts which we read about in prior issues of this newsletter.

Thank you Palo Alto!

On six Wednesday evenings from September 30th through November 4th, employees from local area businesses will be trained and then bowl against each other for prizes and a trophy. One of our members will be assigned to each team as their coach/mentor/cheerleader. Teams will wear their company shirts and company banners will be displayed during games to help promote the businesses.

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Southeast

Mount Dora to Host Bowling Blast For Businesses

Our club will receive expanded exposure and goodwill among the business community and their employees and we will raise about \$1,000 from team participation fees. We also anticipate attracting some new members.

As of August 21st, we have commitments from 12 teams with over 50 participants and expect more prior to the September 9th registration deadline. Teams include the City, Chamber of Commerce, both area McDonald’s, two local banks, a real estate agency, fitness center, Segway dealer and an assisted living facility.

Results in a future issue with pictures. Watch this space!

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Sarasota Women Win in England National Championships

Submitted by Jo Koegel



Judy Bacon (L), 25-year member of SLBC, and Bev Wall, a winter visitor to SLBC, won the silver trophy in the pairs at the England National Championships held at Leamington Spa.

To get to Leamington, the women had to win many rounds of competition against clubs in their County of Berkshire. Only the winning pair from each of the 86 counties in England can play at Leamington.

Central

“Just Ask Pat”

Submitted by Glorianne Mather



Ever since I started bowling at Milwaukee Lake Park, whenever I had a question the answer was always, “just ask Pat”. It’s no wonder that was the answer, because this year she celebrates 40 years as a member of our bowling club.

Pat Mueller and her husband of 70 years, George, started bowling in 1976. Since that time she has been active in Milwaukee Lake Park and in Central Division. Of course when she first started bowling we were two separate clubs, one for women and one for men. In the women’s club she served as president and once our clubs merged she became the secretary/treasurer of Central Division. She has held that office since 1998. She often jokes that she continues, because no one else wants the job, but this year will be her last (Glorianne Mather will take over next year).

Pat has enjoyed bowling because of the challenge, and the company and activity has kept her healthy for all these years. She has competed at the club, division, and national levels, and her last national tournament was in 2002 in Sun City, FL. She has also been a sales rep for Henselite products with Brian Studwell.

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Central

“Just Ask Pat”

Pat has always been volunteer-minded and volunteers at the Urban Ecology Center, Plymouth Church, the Eisenhower Center (serving severely disabled), and has held local and regional offices with the Shorewood Woman’s Club. She loves to read and as she says, plays at crafts.

Even today when we have questions about our club and its history, we still “just ask Pat.” At the age of 92 she is a vibrant contributing member of our club and her community. We are all looking forward to asking her many questions in the future. Central Division would like to thank her for her many years of service and support.



Tuesday Afternoon Lawn Bowling



During bowling season at Lake Park, Milwaukee, we have open bowling on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On any given afternoon we have between 20-30 bowlers. The ages range from 40s to 90s.

The bowlers enjoy social bowling and the camaraderie. Most of all they see the benefits of doing something active and that has far reaching health benefits for the group. On Tuesdays, Dorothy Bauer sets up the games, and at the end of the season they have a pot luck lunch. Bowling has brought everyone together, and has provided a lifelong activity. How lucky we are to be able to participate!

Central

Corporate/Social League- New Fun Option

Milwaukee Lake Park LBC

Milwaukee Lake Park introduced a new lawn bowling option last year with a new activity for bowlers who were not members of our club. With the hope of expanding our membership in future years, we began soliciting the business world with their own Corporate League.

Over the years, we have many corporations bring their employees to our greens for a paid outing, but few of them ever returned to become full-time members. So, participants enjoyed the outing and many continued for multiple years, but other than the payment received for use of our facilities, we received little benefit.

Using the list of previous renters, we solicited corporations to send a team once a week to compete against other similar teams that had never played the game before. We chose Thursday evenings for the event. Each team is given from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm for training, while eating and drinking before games begins at 7:00 pm. Games are ten ends, which seems to be good for timing.

Rules are flexible, but we encourage teams to have at least eight members to allow for vacations and other activities. New members continue to show up each week for at least one of the teams and they fit right in with a little instruction during the training period.

So, how has it gone? The first year we got four teams—a CPA firm, nurses from a hospital, a curling club team and a family team. Competition turned out to be very strong with a champion not determined until the final week. The season is twelve weeks long during June-August with a bye during the July 4 week. Each team must be coed, so some spouses are showing up to fulfill that requirement.

We changed the leagues' name from "Corporate" to "Social" for a year to accommodate the reality of our teams, plus we changed the rules slightly to allow each team to include a member from our club. This seemed appropriate as our members would then be able to bring their fellow workers at their own places of business to form an additional team.

Year two has increased our competitors to a total of six teams. Three of the first year teams have continued with three new teams joining—two from churches and one formed by a member.

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The entire activity has turned out to be lots of fun and there are now about fifty individuals involved. We still have new people showing up each week. The club has a gas grill which each week gets more and more usage with a vast variety of food introduced as players take turns preparing a meal. All the teams manage to eat and drink during the "happy hour" as well as after the games to finish the evening.

We charge each team \$240 for the season with the first four new team members each receiving a discount to \$100.



Central

Central Open Results

Submitted by Glorianne Mather



Singles Players

Results of the Central Open Tournament 2015

Central Open Pairs Results

- 1st Place-Anna Witt and Matt de St. Aubon
- 2nd Place-Rob Bencke and Brian Schieble
- 3rd Place-Leif Andresen and Jim Grzybowski

Central Open Singles Results Championship Flight

- 1. Max Cavender
- 2. Bob Schneider
- 3. Steve Nelson
- 4. Anna Witt

A Flight

Jim Brzybowski

B Flight

Pat Wimmer

Central

2015 Playdowns Champs



Steve Nelson needed all of his experience in national and international play to get by his long time pairs partner Carl Landgren and win the 2015 Singles Playdowns.

In the women's event, Pat Wimmer won the double elimination match against second year bowler Min Waite. This will be the third year in a row that Pat has ably represented the Central Division.



Schneider and Behncke were undefeated going into their last game when they were narrowly defeated by the team of Leif Andresen and Jim Grzybowski.

Anna Witt and Rebecca Nguyen didn't lose a game in the round robin match-up for the ladies championship. They went into a double elimination playoff with the team of Pat Wimmer and Barb Hamm which had one loss.



Central

In Memoriam

Jack Behling



Long time Central Division and Milwaukee Lake Park member Jack Behling passed away August 12th after complications from heart surgery. Jack started bowling at the Milwaukee West club and moved to Lake Park after the dissolution of the West club. He won numerous club and division tournaments along with his other bowling accomplishments. Here's how Bowls USA describes his bowling career on its Hall of Fame page:

"Jack Behling was elected ALBA "Bowler of the Decade" for the 1990's. At the USLBA National Open Jack has succeeded in every discipline: winning the Fours in 2006, the Triples in 1998, the Pairs in 1991 and 1992, and finishing second in the 2003 singles. At the US Championships he won the Pairs in 1995 and the Singles in 2006. As a member of team USA for fifteen years, Jack competed in the Asia Pacific games in New Zealand and Malaysia and at World Bowls in the UK, Australia, and Scotland. Jack is always willing to help other players-whether novice or veteran. He is keenly interested in all aspects of bowls and has served as Central Division Councilor and Milwaukee Lake Park LBC greenskeeper."

Jack also won the US Championships (now renamed the National Championships) singles in 2010. He retired from the Milwaukee Fire Department where he reached the rank of Battalion Chief. A chief on the greens as well, he was known for his great ability and for his competitive intensity. Jack will be missed by his friends in Wisconsin and Arizona.

South Central

Summer Bowling in the Valley of the Sun

Submitted by Bob Perry

Bowling in the summer here in SUNNY Sun City West, Az. is very challenging, at times, but hardly a complaint is ever expressed from the loyal daily draw bowlers here at Johnson Bowls Club.

On Friday, August 14th, we started at our daily draw at 6:30 am (we bowl at 6:45 on Mon, Wed and Fri; and 7:45 Tues, Thurs and Sat; no scheduled organized bowling on Sunday's).

We average 10-12 bowlers a day without some bowlers who are out on non heat related medical issues. The outside temperature at 6:45 was 94°F. When we wrapped things up and put the equipment away at approx. 8:45 the temperature was 102°F.

I came back to do some work in the clubhouse at about noon and it was 109°F. The high for the day was (a record) 117°F!!

If you are traveling to our area stop by and roll some bowls with us. We will gladly provide the drinking water and lots of sunny fun!

Note: We are hosting the 2016 Nationals. It is tentatively scheduled for late October—not in August! Hopefully, and I'm sure it will be, a lot cooler by then!



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SFLBC Centennial Cup Invitational Tournament



The *Collaço* sibling team of *Larry, Marcy & Oscar* competed in the 24 -team open draw event, to garnish a total of 3 wins, 6 game-points and a plus 25, thus, taking the first place in this competition.

Their names will be engraved on the *SFLBC CENTENNIAL CUP* trophy.

The event was well represented by the PIMD, with a few bowlers from outside the Division, and even an overseas visiting guest (Graeme Clark, from Australia).

A reception was held after the games celebrating the 114th Anniversary of the SFLBC.

Cable Car Returns to San Francisco

The annual battle for the Cable Car trophy took place under sunny skies at the San Francisco LBC this year. Six triples teams each from the Palo Alto and San Francisco clubs met to try to bring that coveted prize "home".

After the morning games, the score was even - three games won by each club- just the way you like it (if your club isn't ahead, that is). The afternoon results were the same - three games to each club. The championship was going to be decided on differential points.

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Cable Car Returns to San Francisco

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Sadly for the visiting teams, San Francisco edged Palo Alto out by a mere four points. So close!! And yet not enough.... until next year!!!! All players had a beautiful day of bowling in Golden Gate Park, and San Francisco was a generous host. They ordered up perfect weather, and the food and drink provided after the games was delicious!

The clubs will meet in Palo Alto next year, and, there is a spot on the wall just waiting.



Palo Alto Players Compete in PIMD Open



Bob Schwartz and Ginger Harris took First Place in the Mixed pairs.

Although it was a scorcher to say the very least, the PIMD Open showcased the "HOT" bowling skills of a number of enthusiastic Palo Alto players. Winning or placing in one or more events were Angie Peet, Bernita Holm, Mary Scott, Jerry Knott, Larry Collaco, Fred Anast, Mike Coiner, Frank Matyskiela, Bud Birkenseer, Ginger Harris and Bob Schwartz.

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Palo Alto Senior Singles

Submitted by Ginger Harris



Sam Hebert, Winner of the Palo Alto Senior Singles

This popular event for club bowlers over the age of 70 had 12 entrants (and about 16 markers who also showed up to be a part of the fun) this year.

The format was 12 points or 12 ends, which ever came first. Two of the three games were played, and at that point, two bowlers, Sam Hebert and Chuck Sieloff, went in to their third games undefeated. Chuck, a veritable novice, and Bill Vawter, our Super Senior at 94, were the "dark horses" of the games, each meeting very strong bowlers and giving them very competitive games.

Going in to the third games, Chuck and Sam did not play each other, so there was a possibility of a seven-way tie with 2-1 records -- a TD's nightmare!! However, Sam emerged the undefeated winner of the games, and is now the proud 2015 Senior Singles champion. Congratulations, Sam! As people headed home, the comment heard from spectators more than once was, "I get to play next year!"

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Coronado Lawn Bowling Club

Submitted by Berie Grobe



A small intrepid group at the Coronado Lawn Bowling Club played a Yardstick Tournament on the hottest day of the summer.

Despite the heat, they were all still smiling as they finished the third game.

1st Place went to Jim Olson; 2nd Place went to David Chrivia and 3rd Place went to Berie Grobe.

Berie Grobe also won the \$50 prize for accumulating most points on the tournament's 7th ends, but only after playing a 2-end roll off with Rosalyn Smyth.



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Friendly Valley LBC Ladder Tournament

Submitted by Jack Quinn & Roy McAree

In an attempt to increase the training of members, an internal ladder tournament was proposed by member Gerry Staack, and was later established by Coach Roy McAree. The objective was to have a series of singles games played over a three-month period, and award a prize to the top five members at the end of the period. The prize money was created by collecting a donation from each player at each game. Fifteen members signed up.

As shown in the attached photo, an existing bulletin board in the storage shed was used, in part, to track events. There was also a ledger book, maintained by an administrator who volunteered on a monthly basis; common mortals were not to write in that sacred book! As seen (perhaps by magnifying) there are a series of numbers from 1 through 15 running down the extreme right side of the board. Opposite each number are two hooks for name tags. Initially, all name positions were assigned by a blind draw.



FVLBC Coach, Roy McAree

The individual objective is to work your way up and/or hold your position to a challenge. You are allowed to challenge anyone within three rungs above you. If you win a challenge, you interchange places; if you lose a challenge, there is no change in position.

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Friendly Valley LBC Ladder Tournament

A losing challenger must wait at least seven days before again challenging the same individual. A challenge is shown by moving your name tag on the hook adjacent to (left of) the individual you are challenging. The information is also given to the administrator to record in the logbook, and the seven-day meter starts running.

Note in the photo near where Coach Roy is holding his hand, several things are evident: At Level #5, Roy McAree has challenged Judy Brothers; At level #9, Young Byun had challenged Roy Rogers; At Level #3, Gerry Staack is blocked, he cannot challenge anyone above him. Shortly after this photo was taken, he was challenged by Jack Quinn. The challenge in effect at Level #5 does not block #6.

Once a challenge is made, the pair are obligated to play the match within seven days. They must find a volunteer to act as a Marker. (This has not been a problem.) The game format is six ends, and high score wins. If a tie, count ends won. If still a tie, play one "drop-dead" end.

The Ladder Tournament became so popular within the group that it started to become difficult to find periods of social bowling. Some restrictions were imposed by the board, and the problem has appeared to have been resolved. Actually, it has been more of a voluntary reaction.

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In Memoriam



Gayle N. Plunkett passed away on August 27, 2015.

She was an active member and board member of the Santa Anita Bowling Green Club in Arcadia, CA.

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ABC Invests in Club's Future

Submitted by Sean McMorris

This year Alhambra Bowls Club (ABC) committed to improving its green

ABC has two greens, one carpet and one grass. However, after years of wear and tear, a lack of funding, and the city cutting two large holes in the center of our artificial turf, our carpet green has sadly been relegated to "desperate practice green" status. So the club decided to focus its efforts on improving its grass green, with the goal of getting it up to par with greens at tournament level play.



As ABC is a small club, our funds are limited, but the board decided nonetheless to invest generously in greens renovation with the money it does have. Our first priority was preparing a sound yearly maintenance schedule and adhering to it (mowing, verticutting, watering, fertilizing, administering pesticide, etc). To do this the club referenced two greens manuals: Lawn Bowls: Greens Management by Dr. Charles Louw; and Amador Martinez's greens manual, which he wrote for Oxnard LBC and posted online before he retired from his greens duties there. The club then earmarked funds for a year's supply of fertilizer and pesticide.



The second issue addressed was equipment. ABC has two Jacobsen Putting Greens Mowers from the 1970s that the club purchased used many years ago. Although they are old, they still work, so the board committed to regular maintenance and repairs as needed to ensure that we always have two running mowers.

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ABC Invests in Club's Future

The club has since replaced the engine and clutch on one of the mowers and regularly has the blades sharpened to ensure a truer bowling surface. In addition, the club recently had an old Scott Bonner mower repaired that had been out of commission for years. However, the club's primary purchase this year was a used verticutter. Prior to February 2015, ABC's green had not been verticut for years. Thus, the acquisition of a functioning verticutter/dethatcher was a tremendous boon to the club, and it has greatly improved the quality of our green.

Additionally, ABC and the city of Alhambra have invested in improving the club grounds surrounding our greens. Almansor Park recently installed new lighting for improved evening and night time play, and the park built a new marquee for improved shading. Not to be outdone, ABC built permanent sunshades over the benches surrounding our greens, and last year the club installed new plinths around the ditches of our grass green.



Alan Ngo, a member of ABC, building a permanent sunshade for the benches.

There is still much to be done, but ABC has made great progress on improving its green and the club as a whole. ABC's investment in its future has made our facility more accommodating for club and league play and has substantially raised the quality of our green for practice and tournament play. For example, our green's mat has thinned out, making the turf faster, and bald spots have filled in, making rinks truer. In short, ABC's green is much improved from this time last year, and it will continue to improve over the months and years as we maintain and improve upon our current progress.

In closing, ABC is a small club, but we are passionate about bowls and we take pride in our facility. That is why we hope to see you at our first [Southwest Divisional Tournament](#) in over a decade this Oct. 26th, honoring the club's longtime benefactor, Mrs. Lam Jong. Cheers, and good bowling.

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Southwest Division Ladies' Day

Submitted by Micky Alexandar



What a beautiful location for a lawn bowling club - or for anything, for that matter. I get to watching the ocean & surfers, the vegetation, the birds and hoping the birds don't drop anything on us! So far, so good!

We had such a successful day with 50 ladies bowling. You wouldn't believe the delicious goodies that were prepared for us - all home baked. The greens were all set up using the numbers that I had asked for, so that my score cards matched the rink numbers. I didn't do that one time before & it was rather confusing.

Before getting started we had another Spider. The jack had lots of movement but when all settled down we had to measure the two closest bowls, with Sheila Conti handling the measuring. And guess who's bowl was the winner - Sheila's!! I was watching so all was on the up & up!!

Our morning game included four Rinks games & 3 triples. It was the first time I was able to make that work and the first time playing rinks, for some. There were also some ladies playing in positions that were not familiar to them but I think everyone had a wonderful day. AM winners were:

1st place - Cheryl Barkovich, Shirley Cooper, Nicole Burris & Evelyn Lucero
2nd place - Micky Alexander, Angie Salgado & Nancy Steward
3rd place - Linda Blanche, Sally Cadwallader & Helen Dinkus

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Southwest Division Ladies' Day

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The afternoon game was 7 triples and the winners were:

1st place - Cecile Langevin, Myriam Singer & Shelley Cohen
2nd place - Helen Mathewson, Charlyne Moltane & Helen Michel
3rd place - Jan Hargraves, Nancy Steward & Diana Wenzel

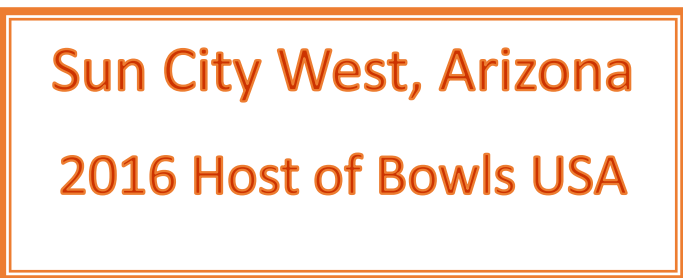
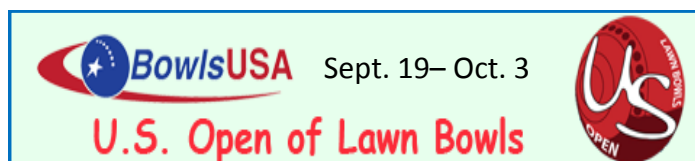
We will be dark for the month of September because of the US Open later that month. So the next Ladies Day will be on October 14th, at Newport Harbor, which is the second Wednesday because of the National Championships later that month. So while you're thinking about it, print out the flyer for October & get it posted at your club. Let's continue to have a great turn out - it was awesome!!

We are still looking for someone to take over as Ladies Day Coordinator for next year. It only takes a few days before and a couple afterwards & you're done for the month. So let me know if you are interested & I'll be glad to help you get started.

For now, That's It Folks!! See you on the green & then in Newport in October!!

Micky Alexander
Ladies Day Coordinator

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City Addressing Most Urgent in List of Redlands Lawn Bowling Upgrades

By Tabetha Wittenmyer, Correspondent RedlandsDailyFacts.com

Redlanders who use the city-owned Sylvan Park lawn bowling greens and clubhouse may soon see some upgrades to the facility.

One of only 35 facilities of its kind left in California and established in 1923, the same year as the Redlands Bowl, the Redlands Lawn Bowling Club has a rich history in Redlands. The club facility at 411 University St. was the second one built in the state.

"We recognize this is a notable feature that separates Redlands from other communities," city spokesman Carl Baker said. "We recognize this is a potential draw for people, and we appreciate the facility and that there are people there using it."

Thirty-three members are still actively involved in the club, paying annual dues of \$80 each. Members play five scheduled games a week on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays. Concerned about their club's fate, the group says it reached out to the city multiple times to subsidize repair and restoration costs.

Current RLBC president Chuck Brandt, a participant in the RLBC for nine years, feels the club has received very little assistance from the city. "When I joined in 1995 our green had deteriorated to the point we were going to lose it," Brandt said. "There is no reason we couldn't be open every day if we had enough members to sustain it."

RLBC member Marian Sparks, 84, started using the facility three years ago and rarely misses a match. "We feel the community would be far more interested if they just knew we were here, knew what lawn bowling was and the history of our club," said Sparks. "We offer six free lessons to anyone interested. People are also welcome to use our equipment. You don't have to get a special uniform, and it's not like alley bowling when you join a league and you must be there or get a substitute. You can come and go as you please." Brandt said the club is rich with history and should be maintained as such.

The most notable issue for the club is inoperable lighting that inhibits them from holding evening matches. Hours of play are especially limited during the hottest part of the year and daylight saving time, according to Sparks. Existing RLBC lighting is the original strand lighting that was installed in 1927. The city indicated in a document — "Lawn Bowling Greens Past Maintenance and Discussions Summary," prepared for a meeting with the RLBC in 2014 — due to the age of the lighting system, replacement bulbs are becoming harder to locate.

An email from the city manager's assistant Janice McConnell to Councilman Paul Barich suggested an estimated cost of \$40,000 for new lighting for nighttime play. Brandt said other urgent matters that need attention include replacement of wooden aprons and ditch boards, a new secure storage area for equipment, sidewalk improvements around the green, sprinkler repairs, root abatement, ground leveling for safety and roof repairs to the clubhouse. The city's 2014 summary noted all the maintenance and repairs requested by the RLBC and a final statement of the document stated, "None of these items are budgeted."

In a response to McConnell's email, Brandt wrote, "We have requested to be included in the city budget for the last four years and still remain excluded from the city's budget."

On July 16 City Manager Enrique Martinez, Councilman Paul Barich, Quality of Life Director Fred Cardenas, Assistant Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman and members of the lawn bowling club met to discuss the club's concerns. Baker said Thursday that the meeting was productive, and that the city agreed to begin collecting bids to replace the borders and to start replacement of the lighting as early as Monday.

"Council member Barich feels any organized group using city facilities should have skin in the game when it comes to facility maintenance," said Baker. "He feels if you are invested, you are more likely to be a partner in keeping it up. The group was amenable to that and the city is awaiting word from them about what they will contribute financially to the renovations."

Baker acknowledged the long list of items for which the club is requesting repairs. He said they could not get to all of them at one time but they were working on the most urgent issues. He said city staff felt club members left the July 16 meeting pretty happy with how things went.

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Southwest Division Tournaments

San Diego Mixed Pairs



2015: Bill Brault & Anne Nunes

Cary-MacDonald Pairs



First Place - Carey Flight, Brian Stewart & Charlie Herbert



First Place McDonald Flight, Sean McMorris & Alan Ngo

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SWWD Rinks



First Place: Kottia Spangler, Jo Mumma, Debbie Gregory, Dee McSparran

Joslyn Mixed Triples



1st Place winners on the "A" Green at Joslyn Mixed Triples in Holmby Park. Sean McMorris Cheri Cabot & Alan Ngo.

1st Place winners on the "B" Green were Rudy Uribe, Catherine Uribe, & Ron Neef.

For a complete list of all SWD Tournaments

And results go to:

[Southwest Lawn Bowls](http://SouthwestLawnBowls.com)

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Detta Marvin Mixed Triples



First Place Green 2 Detta Marvin Mixed Triples: Patrick Chan, Dee McSparran, and Bill Kagen

"B" Green 1st Place: Shelley Cohen and Norma Goodhart (no photo available)

SWLBA Novice Pairs



SWLBA Novice Pairs –1st Mike Ruggles / Howard Horowitz - 2nd Larry Dunn / Corey Vose - 3rd Ed Chatlin / Robert Busciglio



"I'm just here for the potato chips."

Doreen Mayo

Pat Gonzales Aussie Pairs 8/15/15

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SWWD Vet-Novice Pairs



SWWD Vet Novice Pairs "A" Green

1st Place: Jann Bagley & Dee McSparran

John Clark Mixed Triples



"A" Green winners of John Clark Mixed Triples, Sean McMorris, Candy DeFazio & Ian Ho



"B" Green winners of the John Clark Mixed Triples, Tony Crutchfield, Laurie Richards, and Herb Glazerooff

Open Letter to Lawn Bowlers

Hello, PIMDer,

At our most recent quarterly meeting, the discussion about raising the PIMD dues from \$5 to \$10 sparked yet another "What does \$20 (BUSA dues) or an additional \$5 for PIMD do for ME?" mini discussion. I was asked to write "something" to try to answer that question. Thank you in advance for reading my attempt to do that.

I am disappointed that somehow over the years bowlers in clubs, divisions and across the country have divided themselves into us/them or social/tournament camps. Seeing all of us as one big group of folks who love to get outside and enjoy rolling bowls up and down a rink together just because it's FUN, social and beats having to spend time on those awful machines at the gym has begun to disappear.

We are ALL social bowlers. We come out to the green at our clubs - and some at more than one club-- because it's a great place to meet our friends and enjoy a game of bowls. For most, once it stops being fun, we will make an exit and find something else to do. "Social" is one of the truest adjectives describing our sport. And I am sure that we are all thankful that we each discovered lawn bowling at a time when we were looking for something new and different to add to our lives. Social bowling and continuing to share the sport with new people is what keeps our clubs alive and thriving. No bowlers translates into no club.

Now, SOME of the bowlers at your clubs want more than a purely social level of play all of the time. Some want to widen the circle of bowlers with whom they play, and some want to play competitively. It isn't for everyone, but it is one thing that keeps many players challenged and excited about their own game skills.

We are fortunate in our division to have a number of friendly and welcoming clubs within driving distance. We have always had inter and intra club games, and friendships have developed across city/county lines. To keep our division running smoothly and support each other as we all try to build, support and strengthen our respective home clubs, we have an organization called PIMD. We meet together, we try to help each other, we share ideas and activities, and we bowl together when it fits our busy schedules. It's the association that is the gift. It is beyond just me and my set of bowls. Some of the nicest and friendliest people I have met over my years are my lawn bowling colleagues. How about you?

One of the responsibilities of being a part of an organization is to support it. In PIMD we ask for a modest sum of \$5 (perhaps soon to be \$10) per year to "run" the division. We support novices once a year to get them to a tournament to meet other club bowlers. We have committed to training coaches to provide assistance to division level bowlers. We are proud of those who represent our clubs at the National Championships each year and we offer some financial assistance so they can participate. We send our 2 councilors to the big Bowls USA meeting once a year to participate in making policy/changes/improvements to our national organization (More about that in a later paragraph). We have created a small grant program to offer assistance to clubs as they try to build up their membership or improve some aspect of their green/clubhouse/equipment, etc. It is each of us helping all of us. And to do that we need funds. We are not frivolous or spendthrifts by any stretch. But all of those support costs have gone up and our dues have stayed the same for at least 12 years that I know of. \$5.

To the same end, Bowls USA is trying to support divisions and clubs so we have a strong national organization and a presence in the worldwide family of bowlers. Every one of the officers and representatives of Bowls USA wants to see a successful national organization. Yes, over the years there have been "issues": people all not agreeing on the "right" way to do things. I hope I live to see the day when everyone will agree on everything... The Bowls USA Magazine went away, but it was costing more to print than dues were being collected. The editor was a volunteer. He ran out of energy. A lot of time went by before that national connection was reestablished, and that was very unfortunate. We now have a wonderful newsy monthly publication, again with a volunteer editor. It's online, but it's cost effective and can be printed if that's what someone wants. I hope people find it interesting to read and take some ideas away to tweak for their own clubs or divisions. It's the association with all the other clubs across the country that is the gift.

BowlsUSA has covered the cost to bring in a national trainer to help us get our own US coaching and training staff ready to go. We now have trained trainers who are running workshops in different locations across the country. BowlsUSA recruits and trains umpires so that clubs and divisions have an expert to help us all play the game according to the same guidelines and rules. BUSA pays for rule books and techniques booklets to share information with members. We tried to spread the word about lawn bowls by going the paid marketing route. It was not successful. We stopped. It was clear that the best marketers for our sport are US -- those who are out on the grass with bowls in hand.

In addition, the national organization helps to support our national women's and men's teams as they represent all of us in national and international tournaments. Our national treasurer will soon be busy trying to keep our clubs and divisions in compliance with our friends (I wonder if any of them bowl?) at the IRS.

Both PIMD and BUSA are committed to helping support clubs and divisions in a variety of ways. Perhaps not every initiative or effort applies directly to each one of us. But, all of the efforts that we collectively support will help to insure that there will be bowls clubs for people to enjoy in the future. We are volunteers trying to keep lawn bowling alive and thriving in our clubs, our divisions and across the country. If you do not feel supported or valued, then please let your club representative (or ME) know what you feel we are not doing well. What needs to happen? Every one of our PIMD bowlers is important.

Thanks for reading and hope to see you on the green,
Ginger, Pacific Inter Mountain Division